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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS PROGRESS REPORT: MULTI-ENTRY
VISAS

1. OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION, MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
HAS COOPERATED WELL ON THIS PROGRAM. APPROXIMATELY 15
U.S. COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY HAVE FOLLOWED OUR
RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE IN OBTAINING MULTI-ENTRY VISAS
SINCE MAY 1. TIME REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH PROCESS HAS
RANGED FROM 20 TO 75 MINUTES.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION ALIYU
MUHAMED UPON RETURN FROM BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS IN
WASHINGTON, ECON COUNSELOR WAS TOLD THAT NIGERIA WAS
UNABLE TO ISSUE MULTI-ENTRY VISAS IN ITS CONSULATES
AND EMBASSIES AROUND THE WORLD BECAUSE IT LACKED THE
SECURITY SCREENING SYSTEM WHICH THE U.S. POSSESSED.
THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE
ISSUING SINGLE ENTRY VISAS ABROAD. HOWEVER, IF
THE APPLICANT COULD PROVE THAT HE OR SHE WAS ON A
SERIOUS, USEFUL MISSION, HE COULD RECEIVE A MULTI-ENTRY
VISA AFTER ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY.

3. THE PROCEDURE SUCCESSFULLY FOLLOWED SINCE MAY 1 IS
AS FOLLOWS: VISA APPLICANT SHOULD OBTAIN A LETTER FROM
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THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR PRIVATE COMPANY WITH
WHICH HIS WORK IS ASSOCIATED. THE LETTER SHOULD STATE
THAT THE PERSON'S SERVICES ARE NEEDED BY THE ORGANIZATION.
ARMED WITH THIS LETTER AND HIS PASSPORT, THE APPLICANT
SHOULD PROCEED TO THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION'S OFFICE
AT ALAGBON CLOSE, IKOYI, LAGOS. ON PRESENTING HIMSELF
TO THE DIRECTOR'S SECRETARY, HE WILL BE GUIDED THROUGH

SEVERAL CHECKPOINTS LEADING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA.
THE NORMAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES STAMPED ON THE VISA IS SIX,
AND THE USUAL VALIDITY PERIOD IS SIX MONTHS.
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NOTE BY OC/T: MESSAGE DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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